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Commissioner Dawn Buckingham Announces More Than \$122 Million In Newly Approved Regional Mitigation Program Projects

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D., announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$122,100,689 in regional mitigation funds to improve streets, drainage and sewer systems in Burleson, Colorado, Galveston, Jefferson, Lavaca, Orange, Sabine, San Augustine, San Patricio and Waller Counties. Through the Regional Mitigation Program, the GLO enabled local prioritization, which will have a tremendous impact across multiple regions.

"The GLO takes pride in fostering community growth and investing in projects that protect local infrastructure, businesses and homes in Texas," said Commissioner Buckingham. "My team works tirelessly to streamline the federal process to ensure funding is expedited for tangible projects that safeguard our communities. All projects are prioritized for fellow Texans who will directly benefit from the improvements, and we are always committed to driving these initiatives forward. We cut through bureaucratic red tape to ensure the well-being of our beloved Texas communities."

Applicant	County	Project Description	Amount		
Coastal Bend Council of Governments					
Ingleside	San Patricio County	Street and Drainage Improvements	\$5,355,500		
Brazos Valley Council of Governments					

Somerville	Burleson County	Generator and Sewage Improvements	\$1,063,500		
Burleson County	Burleson County	Street and Drainage Improvements	\$1,076,300		
Deep East Texas Council of Governments					
Pineland	Sabine County	Street and Drainage Improvements	\$500,000		
San Augustine County	San Augustine County	Street and Drainage Improvements	\$5,736,000		
Houston-Galveston Area Council					
League City	Galveston County	Drainage Study, Flood Preparedness, and Drainage Improvements	\$15,561,500		
Brookshire	Waller County	Drainage Improvements	\$1,310,000		
Columbus	Colorado County	Generator and Drainage Improvements	\$1,018,300		
Houston- Galveston Area Council	Colorado County	Generator and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements	\$15,811,189		
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission					
Orange County Drainage District	Orange County	Drainage Improvements	\$31,091,100		

Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7	Jefferson County	Flood Control Improvements	\$41,367,400			
Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission						
Yoakum	Lavaca County	Sewage Improvements	\$2,209,900			
Total awards for January 26, 2024: \$122,100,689						

Texas GLO Regional Mitigation Program Council of Government Method of Distribution (COG MOD):

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) allocated \$1,166,997,000 in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Regional Mitigation Program to reduce the risks and impacts of future natural disasters. Each Council of Government (COG) with HUD-designated eligible counties developed a method of distribution (MOD) for allocation of funds to units of local governments. Each COG developed their MOD through extensive public participation.

HUD defines mitigation as activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters. HUD requires that at least 50% of total funds must be used for activities benefiting low- to moderate-income (LMI) persons. For more information, please visit recovery.texas.gov/mitigation.

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